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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Specification

The Summary of Invention section of the Specification has been amended, on page 3 of the Application, to reflect changes made to claim 1 in response to the present action. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 103

Examiner has rejected claims 1-8, 10, and 21-24 as being unpatentable over Winton (U.S. 5,468,173) in view of McConnell.

Re Claim 1: In response to Examiner's rejection, Applicant has cancelled claims 10 and 11 and amended claim 1 to include all of the subject matter of claim 11, which the Examiner has stated to be allowable, and claim 10, upon which claim 11 depends. Neither Winton or McConnell, whether taken separately or together, teach a device having a frame as claimed having a group of the three driven shafts, of which one driven shaft is connected to the first longitudinal beam and the other two driven shafts are connected, spaced apart, to the second beam. Accordingly, Winton and McConnell do not, together, teach all of the elements of claim 1 as amended. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Re Claims 2-6, 8, 10, 21-23: Dependent claims 2 through 6, 8, 10, and 21 to 23 contain at least all of the limitations of amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims now patentably distinguish the invention over the prior art cited by Examiner for the reasons set out above with respect to amended claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Re Claim 7: Claim 7 has been amended to ensure proper antecedents with Claim 1 as amended. Claim 7 contains at least all of the limitations of amended claim 1.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this claim now patentably distinguishes the invention over the prior art cited by Examiner for the reasons set out above with respect to amended claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Re Claim 24: Claim 24 has been amended to include all of the subject matter of claim 25, which the Examiner has stated to be allowable. Neither Winton or McConnell, whether taken separately or together, teach a device having a frame as claimed having a group of the three driven shafts, of which one driven shaft is connected to the first longitudinal beam and the other two driven shafts are connected, spaced apart, to the second beam. Accordingly, Winton and McConnell do not, together, teach all of the elements of claim 24 as amended. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Re claims 9, 11-20, and 25-35: Examiner objects to claims 9, 11 through 20, and 25 through 35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but states that these claims would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant states that dependent claims 9 and 12 through 20 contain at least all of the limitations of amended claim 1, which now contains the subject matter of claims 10 and 11, now cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 12 through 20 are now allowable for the reasons set out above with respect to amended claim 1. Further, dependent claims 26 through 35 contain at least all of the limitations of amended claim 24, which now contains all of the subject matter of claim 25, now cancelled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 26 through 35 are now allowable for the reasons set out above with respect to amended claim 24, which are the same as those set out for amended claim 1.

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In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the application at an early date is respectfully solicited.

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